

HPAI INFECTED PREMISES

POLICY ON MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION, ETC.

Policy for work on, and in, poultry barns on infected premises prior to quarantine release

Emergency work may be done on infected premises after approval by the Iowa Incident Command. Examples of emergency work includes but not limited to storm damage to buildings, fire damage, and any damage that poses an immediate threat to the structural integrity of the building and/or biosecurity of the buildings.

Regular maintenance, other than needed preparatory work to restock, on the inside of buildings will not be allowed while the quarantine is in place. If during the restocking inspection, there are any concerns that other work has been done and/or there are concerns that buildings that house birds have been contaminated since the virus elimination phase, IDALS/USDA will resample the barn(s) for the presence of avian influenza (environmental samples). The testing will be done at the owner's expense.

Regular maintenance or other work on the outside of buildings that house birds on infected premises, will be considered if the owner presents a request to the incident command outlining the work to be done and how it will be done while ensuring that biocontainment is met. Requests will only be considered after all barns housing birds have been through the virus elimination and are in the fallow period and environmental sampling conducted. Besides the plan for biosecurity and biocontainment, the owner must demonstrate the need to do the work.

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